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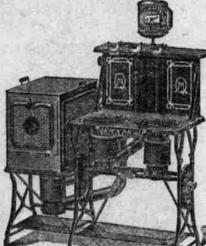
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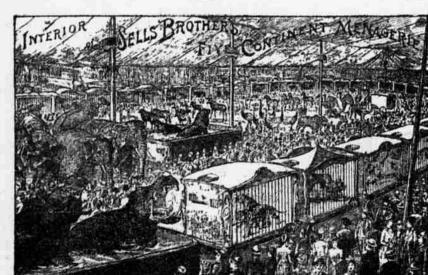


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nd I must take care of her."

with intelligence

Herndon.

norning on the Santa Fe trail.

least," he answered reflectively.

with all he has he will reward you.

His name is Edrington and I his only

Indeed the danger was imminent.

nowflake drifted earthward.

orse for himself to ride.

and abide by her decision.

I fear. Are we not?"

he Indians.

RESENTLY trusting confidence. the bosom of Almost rudely he shook it off, and miles. He said there was a magnifi- visible. The snow had banked clear the still un- assisting her to mount, he vaulted into cent view from its apex, and we could over them. Adown the valley, up along

"Howard!" he muttered to himself, compass, Howard pushed forward as got under way when we beheld directly the largest ones stood. can she know me? Pshaw! no! She speedily as he could. unconscious yet and knows nothing. Poor gul! how came she away out would not be able to keep up, he at first whether they had seen us or not, sweeping down the mountain slopes

dangers that surround her? I must not ing it, pressed forward. let her know who I am. How can I After an hour's hard riding, the gallop. get her out of this and restore her to trail to his lodge was struck, but it was already covered with snow, and the he exclaimed: "I wonder what became of the man way became still more painful and who was with her? Killed, I suppose; difficult. To add to their discomfort, or taken prisoner. Who was he, her night had overtaken them and their lost. Here, this way!' he said, turnfather? Perhaps he was her husband, progress was slow. or her lover"-and a pang shot through

Scarcely a word was spoken by his heart. "Ah, well! no matter, either of this couple so strangely that by getting the hill between them through the lofty mountain gaps, sweeps She is nothing to me now. But she is thrown together. The man rode on in and ourselves we could swing around a woman, a helpless, beautiful woman, dogged silence, thinking of the cruel and ride in the direction of my father's packs it along the slopes, or drives it dismissal of seven years ago, yet long- train. Again the blue eyes came open; this ing to take this suffering woman to his ne wide and questioning, and bright heart.

concealed from her present escort her dismay, were gaining on us. "The Indians are gone," he answer- emotions, fearing to offend or annoy d, avoiding her eyes-for he hardly him by giving expression to them. ference, I would now be in the hands father, her delight would have been

that does not matter for the present. panions," she thought. That she still loved Howard Hern- fate might have been, I am a friend to the helpless, and just now my chief concern is to get you don and held sacred his memory, was safely out of this prairie and back to true. After her dismissal of him that Howard. our people. You had a companion. night, when they met the last time, she Do you know what became of him? only knew he had left L. What was the answer. had become of him, she had never

eyes with her hands as if to shut out of a base plot. dreadful scene. "Oh, my poor Besides, she had heard incidentally places. Father acquiesced in the sug father, when shall I ever see him again?" that on the night she had, as she sup- gestion, and Mr. Adams proceded u And the miserable girl, overcome by posed, seen him and the girl, Nanctte, about three weeks. He joined us about her feelings, gave way to a burst of at the rear of her father's garden, he a hundred miles this side of the Arkan-

vestagation, and she had suffered in entrusted everything to his manage silence, while love for the absent one ment. this time we are many miles from his became a shrine in memory's holy Poor, poor papa! What can "Yes, many! a great many-fifty, at

"Oh, what am I to do? How am ever to reach him again? Cannot you, dimly in the gloom of the storm, was overcame her feelings, and bravely ty, thinks of becoming a candidate for ir-you look like an honest and true her former lover, she would have per- brushing away her tears, became calm governor next year. man-cannot you take pity on a poor, ished in the snow rather than go to his again. anfortunate girl and restore her to her home as a place of protection. friends? My father is not rich, but

of my life!" and she grasped his hands hero and his sagacious horse been in the earnestness of her supplication. familiar with the route and the laud-"I will save you and restore you to marks that here and there met their looking straight in his face, with startyour father if in my power to do so, half-blinded sight, it would have been led surprise. Miss Edrington!" said Howard earn- utterly impossible to reach their des estly; "and we must lose no time in tination through such a storm. moving. Night is coming on and with it a snow storm. It threatens to be a bad one, and our danger from the elebad one, and our danger from the eleso he had taken from the rear of his bad one, and our danger from the ele- so he had taken from the rear of his

ments now is more imminent than from saddle a Navajo serape and wrapped was dropped. t around her-a kindness she received with grateful thanks. The clouds that had hung dark and hours, the lodge was reached. owering all the day were growing denser

Dismounting, Howard assisted hi and more ominous. The wind came in companion to the ground, but finding ow sweeping puffs, and an occasional she could not stand, he took her in his It was fifteen miles to Herndon's arms and bore her inside the door. dge and over thirty to the nearest Tenderly he laid her down on a couch of furs, and striking a light, brought a bottle of brandy and induced her to To reach the first was doubtful, to ide to the second utterly impossible. o remain where they were without stirred up the embers he had left ood, fire or shelter was certain death. smouldering on the hearth in the morn-how to use a revolver? But the first thing to do was to get a ing, and soon had a cheerful fire blazing and shedding a bright glow in the Explaining this to his fair charge,

who had recovered her composure, and After housing and feeding the horses elling her to remain where she was he nurried back to the ravine where his he went into his kitchen and begun orse had fallen. If the noble animal preparations for supper. as dead or crippled, his only hope

The cuisine of the mountaineer in vas to catch one of the Indian ponies those days was simple, but substantial. hat were grazing a short distance A large "skillet" answered the purpose of a bake oven. A long handled, three tined iron fork did duty as spit, and a a loud whistle he was wont to call his three quart tin boiler served the purhorse to him with, and was overjoyed pose of a coffeepot. Howard soon had a pillow of well

to see his beautiful "Douglass" coming kneaded dough put to bake and his As Miss Edrington's horse had not coffeepot settled on a good bed of coals. been seriously injured there was no Then, taking a tender steak from an lifficulty as to the mount; but the antelope he had shot the day before, thought came to his mind: he did not he adjusted it to the fork and soon had want to be recognized by Grace Ed- it browned to a turn. Butter and milk ington, yet the only hope of saving had he, together with such condiment her from the inclemency of the storm as good seasoning required. A large box answered for a table that was brewing was to carry her to

his home for the night, and take her There was no cloth, but the top was back to the trail where her father was scrupulously clean. The service was as soon as the storm should subside. tin, but its polished surface, inside and first awakening it being quite dark, he struck a light and was surprised at the ourse, however, and he felt it to be his aty to lay the case candidly before her Everything being speedily arranged

or departure he turned to her and od fortune to save you from one danou to a place of shelter or you will ate with an improving appetite.

mountains over there lifteen miles ed to the refinements of ladies' society, worked his way to the top of the snow away. To the nearest settlement or but there was still about him that na- bank. He found it was quite light out annuan habitation is thirty miles. It is tive politeness of the true gentleman there, and the storm passed, although Leavenworth, Kas., last night in the taxation, by levy in one form or anothmposible to reach a settlement to that gave unto his manners and actions the bleak, leaden clouds still hung Baptist church. H. L. Bright, of Haright. I don't know that I an even an indescribable charm. He had lost gloomy and low along the rugged risonville, Mo.; C. B. M. Truex of get to my own home. If you say push nothing of his powers of conversation mountain sides. on for a settlement, however, I will do and there was a sympathy of tone, a Working his way to the kitchen W. J. Williamson of Weston, Mo., and not unworthy of digestion. all in my power to get you there in pathos of expression in his voice, that chimney, he succeeded, after considera- Charles D. Kelly of Arkansas City, Kan. afety. If you advise to go to my lodge, made him always interesting. His ble labor, in opening the vent, and were the contestants where no one lives but myself, I pledge reading, while it had not been exten- soon had the satisfaction of seeing the you my most sacred honor that no sive, had been choice, and his knowl- smoke come pouring through. He next harm shall come to you from any fault edge of things in general was by no gave his attention to the other chimney of mine; and I will restore you to your means superficial. On this occasion he and in thirty minutes had it cleared father as soon as it is possible for me exerted himself to entertain and suc- It was impossible to gef to the win- of the earth die before they attain the ceeded so well that he had soon drawn dows, so he returned to the kitchen, age of seventeen years; it is only one lade a knew of a case once where a his companion away from her grief. and knocking at the door leading to person among a thousand who becomes lady went into a jeweler's with a magnetic form of the companion away from her grief. spoke the resolute maiden, "for thus I The supper hour passed most pleasantmust address you, since you refere mails. Come Edwington was herself a

our frank words and deeds an honora- | charming as on this occasion. ble one. No one save a coward would You have not told me how you came to reach your father to-day we must be take advantage of a defenseless girl. I to be chased by the Indians," said on the road as early as possible."

Know you are not that, and will go Howard, as they sat before the cheer—

"Late!" said—she. S. Why, it seems with you to your lodge, and trust ful fire, while the storm outside was quite dark yet.

take long. Two weeks ago my father been but for my stupid oversleeping of and myself joined a party of tourists myself." intending to visit old Santa Fe and "Please do not chide yourself, sir, trouble of mine. "This morning one of the gentlemen

tion to the height of five hundred feet top of the snow drift above the surrounding plain. The point was apparently but a few miles from gaze. As far as the eye could reach, everything to your courage and man- our trail, and the gentleman, who had the face of nature was overwhelmed hood;" and she gave him her hand in spent several seasons on the plains, as- with the white, gleaming snow. Of sured me that it was only distant five their house not even a chimney was conscious girl his own saddle and led the way across heaved, a the trackless plain in an easy gallop.

easily get back to our train by noon. the mountain side, the same all-pervading element enveloped everthing. h caved, a the trackless plain in an easy gallop.
moan escaped her lips, and thicker and faster they came sifting the lips, and the trackless plain in an easy gallop.

"Thus solicited, and without any misgivings as to accident or mishap, we set out. The mesa, instead of bethe soft blue down, and ere long the ground was eyes partially covered.

Indeed, and faster they came sitting the soft blue down, and ere long the ground was ing only five miles away, as my escort bridged over with a rudimentary glacier ten feet high. Great boulders that

opened, and she murmured blew a gale. It had shifted to the nething which sounded very much northwest and was blowing full in their very uneasy. Taking a brief rest, we had disappeared, and only little hum faces; but guiding his course by his started on our return, but had hardly mocks in the whited waste told where in our course a band of Idians not Fearing the horse Grace was riding three miles distant. We could not tell sudden ones that sometimes comhere? How am I to save her from the fastened his lariat to its bit, and lead- but soon had all doubts set at rest by and overwhelm everything in their

"See! they have discovered us. Unless we fly at once for our lives we are wonderful. Sometimes as much as ten ing his horse's head to the northward. leys in a single night. This is easily "I remonstrated with him. I thought

"The man would not listen to me, but rode straight northward and having Grace had not recognized in her gal- no other recourse I followed him, do-Raising herself to a sitting position lant rescuer the lover of former years, ing my best to keep up. After riding thing so strange, so novel, so grand and felt deeply wounded at his coldness a short distance I looked back and to that she could only express admiration was regarding her with a look of tenderness, and made and an address and unsympathetic manner. She was derness, and made and address and unsympathetic manner. She was derness, and made and unsympathetic manner. She was dernessed and unsympath "Where are the Indians? Who are her companion of the morning, but us; and what added still more to my

"And but for your providential interfelt sure of himself. "As for who I am, "Crying women are not cheeful com- of these terrible savages;" and she shuddered at the thought of what her "Who was your companion?" asked

"His name was Adams, Luke Adams," "Luke Adams?" exclaimed he-ther "I do not know," she answered with learned. He had gone west, but no checking himself, relapsed into silence. a shudder. "I saw his horse fall and flaxen haired girl had accompanied "Yes; he was an old friend of my he with it; and then two Indians jump- him, and at times she had almost father's," she said with some confusion. down and I saw them standing over doubted the evidence of her own senses, "When this expedition was first pro-

him with their knives. Oh, it was ter- and could not drive away the impres- posed, he volunteered, as he was well rible! terrible!" and she covered her sion that she had been made the victim acquainted with the route, to come or ahead and provide suitable stopping "Was the man your father?" asked sion for his employer.

But maidenly pride forbade an inplains. After he fell in with us, papa

output

out had been in St. Joseph on a secret mis- sas, and proved to be of much assist-

> think has become of me? I know he Yet, sincerely as she cherished that thinks I am lost on the prairies by this memory, had she known that this grim time;" and again her grief overwhelmand silent man, whose form towered up ed her. But with a mighty effort she

"You must have placed very great confidence in this Mr. Adams, to risk your life and freedom with him so far away from your father's trains," said daughter. Grace is my name, and I SLOWLY, painfully, they toiled along will bless and thank you all the days

SLOWLY, painfully, they toiled along Howard with a tinge of jealousy in his their difficult way. Had not our tone.

Sedalia thinks the Missouri, Kansas Ask Josh—' As

"Why, do you suspect foul play or his part?" suddenly asked the girl, "O, of course I know nothing at all

about it; nor do I know anything of to seek to know." And the subject to-day.

Then, after, a brief silence, during which his thoughts were of the past; Finally, after four long, dreary hers on the new suspicion his words held there at the same time. had aroused, he arose and said:

Miss Edrington, you will occupy this room to-night. Feel perfectly safe. The door we entered, you see, is securely bolted and fastened. As I go through this one you can fasten it in like manner. Should anything disturb you during the night you have but to pull this roads club will challenge it and force drink a draught of it. Covering her shivering form with a buffalo robe, he room I shall occupy, and I will come eiation. to your assistance. Do you understand

"Oh, yes! papa taught me that be fore we started from home." "Then take this," said he, handin her a handsome arm of the "Colt" pat tern. "It will double your security

Good-night!" "Good-night!" was the answer; and espite her strange surrounding Grace Edrington, lying down on the soft couch of furs, was soon wrapped in slumber. Not so fared it with her host. True he was sheltered from the storm and cold. In one department of the stable was a spare bed where one of his men was won't to sleep when detained at the house; and entering this and wrap-

ping himself in a pair of comfortable buffalo robes, he gave himself up thought, and it was late in the night before sleep overcame him. TT had been Howard's intention I rise early in the morning, and at his

struck a light and was surprised at the Howard did not disturb his fair lateness of the hour. According to his guest until everything was in readiness. watch it was past sunrise. He went to release him on the 25th, in which event the approached her couch and the kitchen and, building a fire, he proposes to hunt up the reporters asked her if she would have some sup- began preparations for breakfast, and avenge all the mean things they've Finding that the draft in the chimney Grace arose with his assistance, little was closed, and that there was no earing, she thought, for anything to abatement in the intense darkness, he eat; but after bathing her swollen eye- opened the door and found the snow er, but a greater one now confronts lids in a basin of cold water he had banked clear to the top and beyond. A snow storm is coming on and thoughtfully brought for her, she felt What was the matter? Had the snow lose behind it the night. I must get refreshed, and sitting down with him, drifted over and burried his house? It suemed so, for such things did someerish from cold. I have a cabin in Howard had long been unaccustom- times happen. Procuring a shovel, he

must address you, since you refuse me by. Grace Edrington was herself a young lady up.

your name, I only know that you are a most brilliant and fascinating woman, Pardon me for disturbing you. brave man, and I would judge from and to Howard had never seemed so said he, when she made her appearance ...but it is already late, and if we hop

"Nevertheless, it is past eight o'clock, and by this time we should have been "No," said Grace, "but it will not ten miles on our road; and would have

other points in New Mexico. Every-thing went smoothly along until this of it yesterday, and needed all the rest you got. But what makes it so dark?"
"Come with me and I will show of the party asked me to ride with him you," said he, leading the way to to a mesa that lifted its clear-cut eleva- where he had cut a passage through the

It was a beautiful sight that met he

The storm had been one of those beholding them start towards us in a energy. These storms are rarely general. They are often less than fift "As soon as my escort observed this, miles in width and seldom extended more than one hundred miles into the plains. But their fury is something feet of snow is precipitated in the valaccounted for. The wind raging breach of the peace case, "you will the falling snow down into the valleys,

> ly it is drifted into great heaps that remain a barrier to travel for months. The scene impressed Grace as some at this magnificent manifestations of terpieces. Poor girl! had she compreto my question. hended the immensity of the barrier that obstructed the pathway to her changed to sadness and despair. [To be Continued.]

STATE NEWS.

Warrensburg is to have free express

The Richmond public schools closed this week.

Forepaugh's circus will be at St

St. Louis Grand Army posts will oberve Decoration Day on a big scale.

mall pox scare. Sam Jones says he will lecture at them swill down all the water they Moberly June 20th, if they sell enough could hold just afore he driv them into

tickets in advance. Hon. Richard Dalton, of Ralls coun-

A Mexico young man goes to see his own uncle to Josh, got rid of his native girl every evening in the week and has town on a rail 'tween two days, and kept it up for two years. Sedalia thinks the Missouri, Kansas

out of the hands of the receivers. St. Louis postal clerks have organized, and now we'll have a strike if the 'bout it, but I'll bet Josh Bagg is postal cards are not written on a type- guilty whatever it is. The fact is, I've owed them Baggses a grudge for the Mexico had a meeting of deacons of last lifteen year and I got myself called

The State Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will meet in St. Joseph on the

18th. A Rebecca Lodge will also be

calls a Christain preacher of that county a "Campbellite," and the Christain the oat crop,\$222,000,000. gets back by calling the other a "fortywheat and oats in this country to pay gallon Baptist."

The Audrain county local option law, which was declared inoperative a short in the certification of the returns, has been reinstated.

Divelbiss, winner of the Missouri medal, delivered his oration, "A Message from the Old World to the New." M. L. Jacobs, whose consin, H. R. Jacobs, is one of the largest theatrical

managers in the United States, has been selected to manage Sedalia's new summer theater at Forest Park. not do it. Col. Frederick Lyde, one of the first have a combined capitalization of \$599. ettlers of Livingston county, a soldier n the famous Missouri Mormon war, and several times sheriff of that county, government would all but swallow up died at Mooresville, Saturday, aged 83.

murderer, expects the supreme court to said about him. The trial of Ridley Thomas, for murder, at Warrensburg, has been post-

old man and his wite were killed. Thomas was tried on one charge at Sedalia last year and acquitted. The declamation contest of William Jewel college of Missouri took place at

Everest, Kan.; E. B. Shaw of St. Louis, Average Life. The average of human life is thirtyeight years; one-quarter the population

among a thousand who attain seventyfive years of age. The Highest Railroad.

BY ALBERT PIKE.

The spring has less of brightness
Every year
And the snow a ghastlier whiteness
Every year;
Nor do summer flowers quicken
Nor autumn's fruitage thicken
As they once did, for they sicken

Every year. It is growing darker, colder, Every year; And the heart and soul grow older Every year; I care not now for dancing; Or for eyes with passion glancing, Love is less and less entrancing

Of the lives and sorrows blended Every year;
Of the charms of friendship ended
Every year.
Of the ties that still might bind me,
Until time to death resigned me,
My infirmities remind me,
Every year.

Every year. Yes! the shores of life are shifting, Every year;
And we are seaward drifting,
Every year;
Old pleasures, changing, fret us;
The living more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us,
Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher,
Every year;
And its morning star climbs higher,
Every year;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter.
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the Dawn Immortal brighter,

Every year. Even With the Bagg Family

Detroit Free Press. "Now, madam," said the attorney for the defendant to a little, wiry, black-eyed, fidgety woman who had please give in your testimony in as few words as possible. You know the defendant? far out on the plains beyond. Frequent-

"Know who?" "The defendant-Mr. Joshua Bagg?" "Josh Bagg! I guess I do know him, and I knowed his daddy afore him, and I don't know nothing to the credit of either of 'em, and I don't think-" "We don't want to know what you think, madam. Please say 'yes' or 'no "What question?"

"Do you know Mr. Joshua Bagg? "Don't I know 'im, though? Well I should smile! You ask Josh Bagg if he knows me. Ask him if he knows anything 'bout tryin' to cheat a pore widder like me out of a two-year-old steer. Ask him if-" "Madam, I----"Ask him whose land he got his

cord wood off of last spring, and why he hauled it in the night. Ask his wife Betsey Bagg, if she knows anything about slippin' in a neighbor's paste lot and milking three cows on the sly Ask—___' "See here, Madam-"Ask Josh Bagg about that uncle of

his that died in the penitentiary out West. Ask him about lettin' his pore A Richmond farmer has an apple tree eight feet two inches in circumference.

Old mother die in the pore-house. Ask Betsey Bagg about putting a big brick into a lot of butter she sold last fall—" "Madam, I tell you-" Mexico and Fulton are having a "See if Josh Bagg knows anything windy war of words about the recent about feeding ten head of cattle all the salt they would eat and then letting

> town and sold 'em. See what he's got to say to that!" "That has nothing to do with the case. I want you to-"Then there was old Axrael Bagg,

> Betsey Bagg's own brother got ketched in a neighbor's hen-house at midnight "Madam, what do you know about this case P" "I don't know the first livin' thing

A Few Figures in Taxation.

The annual expenditures of the United States are at present in round numbers \$450,000,000. The annual expenditures for the next two years will be lelivering packages free at Warrens- above \$500,000,000. So gradual has burg, and Baldwin, of the Standard, is this enormous expenditure grown that having made a cut of the new wagon. the people have become insensible to Kansas City has such a poor base- its magnitude. Something of the latter ball club that they're afraid some cross | may be comprehended by comparison. The United States is the greatest it from last place in the Western asso- wheat producing country in the world It is the greatest oats producing coun-A Howard county Baptist preacher try in the world. The value of last

next year's expenses of the govern-There is in this country an annual time ago, on account of an irregularity product of gold of \$33,000,000; of silver. \$61,000,000; of copper, \$33,000,-000; of iron, \$107,000,000; of coal, In the inter-state oratorical contest \$191,000,000; of petroleum, \$24,000,t Des Moines, Io., May 7th, Frank 000; of lead, \$15,000,000. All the gold, silver, copper, iron

It will take nearly the entire crop of

coal, petroleum and lead produced in this country last year could not pay the expenses of the government for the same length of time. All the cotton, all the wool or all the rye, barley, wine, potatoes and tobacco produced in this country in a year could

000,000. One year's expenses of the These are figures on government Tom Williamson, the Sedalia triple taxation alone. Add to this city, county, and state taxation, and something

The national banks of this country

of the enormity of the burden may be The United States has no great standng army, no government railroads, no nmense navy, no profligate court of poned until the 25th. The murder was penditures are greater than those of ommitted in Saline county, when an Austria or the German Empire, greater than Great Britian and Ireland, greater than British India and China, as great

as those of the Russian Empire. The revenue for this enormous expen-There is here some mental pabulum

"Did you know that pearls get sick?" aid a well-known Atlanta jeweler.

"They do, and, like babies, they require a change of climate when their health is bad, or else they crumble or

... These pearls are sick, 'said the jeweler, upon examining them, and unless you take or send them to a decidedly The highest railroad in the United different climate at once they will be-States is the Denver and South Park, come worthless.' They were sent off a branch of the Union Pacific, at Alpine Tunnel, 11,596 feet above sea-level. and within a month were as bright and pretty again as they had ever been."

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